



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Brent Kevin Larson

For: ELASTOMER COMPOSITION

WHICH CONTAINS INTERCALATED AND

EXFOLIATED CLAY REINFORCEMENT

FORMED IN SITU WITHIN THE

ELASTOMER HOST AND ARTICLE, SUCH

AS A TIRE, HAVING AT LEAST ONE

COMPONENT THEREOF

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Examiner: Katarzyna Wyrozebski Lee

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Official Action dated March 19, 2003, Paper No. 4, please make the following amendments in order to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the Applicants' invention.

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